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Marilyn Foulke to Demonstrate 'Quilts of a Feather' During Berea's Quilt Extravaganza Weekend at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Aug. 2, textile artist Marilyn Foulke, of Louisville, will offer a quilting demonstration, "Quilts of a Feather" showing how she captures a variety of bird species in her quilts, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. This demonstration coincides with the Berea Art Council's city-wide Quilt Extravaganza event, which brings quilt exhibits, events, sales and lectures to Berea Aug. 1-2.

A native Louisvillian, Foulke has been interested in fiber and fabrics from an early age. Her love of hand and machine sewing began with grade school projects, and she has always been interested in color and design. In 1997, she began creating quilts, wall art and wearable art. Her quilt making is informed by her career as a mathematics teacher for over 30 years, and her love of geometry, symmetry, logic and balance.

"I am a self-taught quilter," she said. "My work is not constrained by 'rules' or patterns, and I enjoy creating outside the box. I love to experiment with unusual embellishments and materials."

In Foulke's quilted wall hangings, she uses fine quality cottons and silk, sometimes hand dyeing them to get the color she wants. Most of her pieces are one-of-a-kind and use embellishments and unusual configurations. Her bird-themed quilts are all based upon observation of nature, drawings and photographs taken during her travels. Some of her patterns are based on tradition while moving toward a more contemporary look.

Quilts by Marilyn Foulke are regularly available at the center, located just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, "Repurposed & Recycled: Works by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Sept. 6; and in the lobby, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration," is on display through Nov. 16. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos, left to right: Marilyn Foulke with a “Flamingo” quilt at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; a whimsical quilt with roadrunner by Marilyn Foulke; a small colorful quilted wall hanging of a chicken by Marilyn Foulke.